

**Claim Amendments**  
Including a complete listing of all claims

1. (Currently Amended) A tooth-cleaning device (1) comprising:  
a main body (2) and a plurality of bristles (3) carried by  
said main body,  
said tooth-cleaning device comprising engaging means (4, 7)  
adapted shaped to be engaged by the human tongue and  
allowing said tooth-cleaning device to be displaced within  
the mouth by means of the tongue;  
with said main body being adapted configured to receive a  
dispersible substance which is naturally dispersed during  
use; and  
said main body is impregnated with said dispersible  
substance.
2. (Currently Amended) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in  
claim 1 wherein said dispersible substance is selected from  
a group consisting of a flavoring substance, a toothpaste,  
or and a therapeutical substance.
3. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in  
claim 1, wherein said engaging means comprise a receiving  
portion (4, 7) adapted to receive at least a portion of the

tongue, allowing said tooth-cleaning device to be displaced within the mouth by means of the tongue.

4. (Currently Amended) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 3, wherein said receiving portion comprises a receiving aperture (4) ~~adapted~~ shaped to receive at least the end portion of the tongue, allowing the tooth-cleaning device to be displaced within the mouth by means of the tongue.
5. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 4, wherein said main body is a hollow body comprising an inner cavity (7) defining said receiving portion, with said inner cavity communicating with the exterior through said receiving aperture
6. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 5, wherein said hollow body has an approximately hollow cylindrical shape, defining an approximately cylindrical receiving portion.
7. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 5, wherein said main body has an approximately hollow thimble shape defining a tapered receiving portion.

8. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 5, wherein said main body has an approximately spherical hollow shape defining an approximately spherical receiving portion.
9. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 4, wherein said main body defines a trough hole (4) corresponding to said receiving aperture.
10. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 9, wherein said main body has an approximately ring or doughnut shape.
11. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 9, wherein said main body has an approximately square shape.
12. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 9, wherein said main body has an approximately polygonal shape with a predefined number of sides.

13. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 9, wherein said main body has a cross sectional shape approximately circular.
14. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 11, wherein said main body has an approximately square cross sectional shape.
15. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 12, wherein said main body has an approximately polygonal cross sectional shape with a predefined number of sides.
16. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 9, wherein said main body comprises a cylindrical surface (5) facing said through hole.
17. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 16, wherein said main body has a cross-sectional contour defined by a linear portion and a curved portion joined to said linear portion.
18. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device (1) as claimed in claim 1, wherein said main body (2) is deformable so that

it can be shaped so as to form engaging means (4, 7) adapted to be engaged by the human tongue and allowing said tooth-cleaning device to be displaced within the mouth by means of the tongue.

19. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 18, wherein said main body can be deformed so as to define a receiving portion (4, 7) adapted to receive at least a portion of the tongue, allowing said tooth-cleaning device to be displaced within the mouth by means of the tongue.
20. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 19, wherein said main body can be deformed so as to define a receiving portion comprising a receiving aperture (4) adapted to receive at least the end portion of the tongue, allowing the tooth-cleaning device to be displaced within the mouth by means of the tongue.
21. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 20, wherein said main body comprises a flat strip adapted to be deformed so as to define said receiving portion.

22. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 21, wherein said flat strip can be deformed into a body of an approximately cylindrical shape, defining an approximately cylindrical receiving portion.
23. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 21, wherein said flat strip can be deformed into a body of an approximately thimble shape defining a taper receiving portion.
24. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 20, wherein said flat strip can be deformed into a body of an approximately spherical shape defining an approximately spherical receiving portion.
25. (Currently Amended) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 20, wherein said main body comprises an elongated body ~~of an~~ approximately barrel[[-like]] shape shaped, adapted configured to be deformed so as to define a through hole (4).
26. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 25, wherein said elongated body can be deformed into an approximately ring-shaped or doughnut-shaped body.

27. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 25, wherein said elongated body can be deformed into an approximately square-shaped body.
28. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 25, wherein said elongated body can be deformed into an approximately polygonal shaped body with a predefined number of sides.
29. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 25, wherein said elongated body has a cross-sectional shape approximately circular.
30. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 27, wherein said elongated body has an approximately square cross-sectional shape.
31. (Currently Amended) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 28, wherein said elongated body has an approximately polygonal like cross-sectional shape with a predefined number of sides.

32. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 25, wherein said elongated body comprises a flat surface (5).

33. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 32, wherein said elongated body has a cross-sectional contour defined by a linear portion and a curved portion (5') joined to said linear portion.

34. (Currently Amended) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said main body comprises a contact area ~~adapted shaped~~ to be contacted by the tongue, with said bristles being provided outside said contact area.

35. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said main body is formed by a resilient material and a string or cord is provided to be hand-held by the user, thus preventing accidental ingestion of the tooth-cleaning device.

36. (Currently Amended) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 35, wherein said resilient material is selected from a group consisting of gum, silicon, ~~or~~ and resin.

37. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said body is inert, non-toxic and impervious to saliva.

38. (Currently Amended) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said main body comprises adhesion improving means (8) adapted configured to improve the adhesion of the tongue to the main body.

39. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 38, wherein said adhesion improving means comprise resilient protrusions extending from said main body.

40. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said bristles comprise bristles of at least two different lengths.

41. (Previously Presented) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said bristles comprise bristle tufts.

42. (Currently Amended) A tooth-cleaning device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said main body (2) and said bristles are at least partially embedded in a sweet or a drop (9) of a

dispersible substance ~~adapted to~~ which can be dispersed by  
the human saliva.